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By Senators Haugen and Jacobsen; by request of Department of Licensing

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1            AN ACT Relating to the issuance of enhanced drivers' licenses and  
2            identicards to facilitate crossing the Canadian border; and adding a  
3            new section to chapter 46.20 RCW.

4            BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW  
6            to read as follows:

7            (1) The department may enter into a memorandum of understanding  
8            with any federal agency for the purposes of facilitating the crossing  
9            of the border between the state of Washington and the Canadian province  
10           of British Columbia.

11           (2) The department may enter into an agreement with the Canadian  
12           province of British Columbia for the purposes of implementing a border-  
13           crossing initiative.

14           (3)(a) The department may issue an enhanced driver's license or  
15           identicard for the purposes of crossing the border between the state of  
16           Washington and the Canadian province of British Columbia to an  
17           applicant who provides the department with proof of: United States  
18           citizenship, identity, and state residency.

1 (b) The department shall implement a one-to-many biometric matching  
2 system for the enhanced driver's license or identicard. An applicant  
3 for an enhanced driver's license or identicard shall submit a biometric  
4 identifier as designated by the department. The biometric identifier  
5 must be used solely for the purpose of verifying the identity of the  
6 holders and for any purpose set out in RCW 46.20.037. Applicants are  
7 required to sign a declaration acknowledging their understanding of the  
8 one-to-many biometric match.

9 (c) The requirements of this subsection are in addition to the  
10 requirements otherwise imposed on applicants for a driver's license or  
11 identicard. The department shall adopt such rules as necessary to meet  
12 the requirements of this subsection.

13 (4) The department may set a fee for the issuance of enhanced  
14 drivers' licenses and identicards under this section.

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